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| "Development of processed products based on Spota" (F.No.27-8/91-Hort.I) | Agril. College of Forestry and Horticulture, GAU, Navasari (Gujarat) | Rs. 8,05,800 | 4 years (1.4.94 to 31.3.97) | 7,62,566/- |
| " To develop strategies for the pest management in Amla, Embica Officinalis". (F.No.16--18/94--Hort.I) | Dptt. of Entomology, B.A College of April. GAU, Anand (Gujarat) | Rs.2,28,200 | 3 years (1.2.93 to 31.1.96) | 44,200/- |
| | VEGETABLES | | | |
| "Development of high yielding true Potato Seed (TPS) hybrids for maximisation of yield in Gujarat" (F. No. 8-12/94-Hort. II) | Potato Research Station. GAU, Deesa (Gujarat) | Rs. 7,98,820 | 4 years (18.11.95 to 7.11.99) | 3,36,355/- |
| "ICAR Research Network Project on promotion of Hybrid Research in Vegetable Crops". (F.No. 15- /95- Hort.II) | GAU Campus, Anand (Gujarat) | Rs. 12,32,600 | 3 years (1.10.95 to 31.3.98) | 9,42,800/- |

**North Eastern Council**

2211. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a plan to reconstitute the North Eastern Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was a Conference of the Prime Minister with the State Chief Ministers of the NEC States recently ; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister had held a meeting with Chief Ministers of all the 7 North Eastern States on 20th and 21st June, 1997. It was decided in the meeting to Planning Commission as Chairman and the Chief Ministers of the restructure the North Eastern Council with the Deputy Chaiman, 7 North Eastern States as Members. The NEC would also have powers to sanction schemes once approved by the Council within its aproved Budget Subject to such conditions as may be laid down by the Central Government.

The scope of the schemes of the North Eastern Council will include major schemes of Inter-State benefit located in individual states in addition to schemes of inter-state character. The NEC would shed its role of reviewing security related matters.

*[Translation]*

**Foreign Assistance to Voluntary Organisations**

2212. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sought information form the State Governments regarding obtaining of foreign assistance by the voluntary organisations ;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have sent this information ;

(c) the names of the States which have not sent this information ; and

(d) the time by which the States have been asked to furnish this information ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Section 6 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 provides, inter alia, that no association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme shall accept foreign contribution unless such association registers itself with the Central Government in accordance with the rules made under the Act. The Act further provides that every such association may, if it is not registered with the Central Government, accept any foreign contribution only after obtaining the prior permission of the Central Government. The associations so registered or permitted by the Central Government to accept foreign contribution are required to submit annual accounts in the prescribed form giving details

of receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution. An annual report based on the information received from such association is prepared by the Central Government and copies thereof sent to the State Governments for their information and report on violation, if any, of the provisions of the Act by the concerned associations.

*[English]*

**Development of Animal Husbandry Sector**

2213. DR. ARUN KUMAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the main thrust on which Ninth Plan proposals are being formulated formulated for development of Animal Husbandry sector ;

(b) the special areas of interest identified for the North-East region and the financial outlays earmarked during the Ninth Plan period including the current financial year ;

(c) whether the proposals include establishment of a State Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science University as proposed by the Government of Assam ;

(d) whether the Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation Ltd. had submitted an employment generating scheme titled "Integrated District Livestock and Poultry Development Centre"; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the allocation made for the project during the Ninth Plan and the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The main thrust areas on which the Ninth Plan proposals have been formulated relate to improving the production and productivity potential of the livestock with the objective of improving the income, nutrition and employment opportunities in rural areas. The Ninth Plan proposals have not yet been approved by the Planning Commission. However, for the current financial year, 1997-98., a minimum of 10% of the Department's budget has been earmarked for the North East. Special areas prioritised for North East are genetic upgradation of stock, higher allocation for piggery and poultry sectors, and strengthening of infrastructural facilities available.

(c) to (e) Schemes from Government of Assam have been received in this Ministry. The schemes are under examination, as the Ninth Plan allocation is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

**Child Homes**

2214. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Many of them lose their childhood at home" appearing in the *Pioneer* dated June 11, 1997 relating to the depricable conditions prevailing in the children Homes in Delhi;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reports therein ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Even prior to the publication of the said Newsitem, recognising the highly unsatisfactory conditions prevalent in the Homes for Children in Delhi and other parts of the country, the Ministry of Welfare has asked the various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations responsible for their management to take remedial action. The Ministry also provides financial assistance to enable the States and Union Territories to establish and maintain facilities for the care, protection, treatment, development and rehabilitation of neglected and delinquent juveniles consistent with the provisions made in this regard in the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986.

**Technology Mission of Black Pepper**

2215. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the productivity of pepper/black pepper in India is low in comparison to the world standard ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have made any plan to improve the productivity of pepper or to set up any technology mission of pepper/black pepper in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the productivity of pepper/black pepper in the major pepper/producing centres; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to improve the productivity of pepper/black pepper at par with the world standard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The reasons of low productivity are as under :

(i) Cultivation of black pepper as inter-crop with other horticulture crops.

(ii) Old varieties of poor genotypes with low productivity.

(iii) Prevalence of disease and pest; and

(iv) Lack of adequate attention by the farmers on rejuvenation/replanting of old gardens.